

## THE FRONT GATE

A few precepts basic as rice  
bagged in burlap  
reiterated to the periphery of chant  
until the day by day  
takes up its unlimited forms  
out of the shadows  
of ebony and ivory dawn.

Let the hand tell  
the stories of the heart  
spoken through the mouth  
by way of the head  
taken as a double-headed tool of force  
and gentleness.

Hand and shovel work  
with stone, sod, clay.  
Stone-set path between the porch  
and the front gate.

-- Charles Tidler

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## HOW TO GET A RUG-ON

1. Turn over the Tree of Life  
& sit, cross-legged,  
on one seamy end.  
Draw the other end  
over yr shoulders.  
Hire a photographer  
to shoot the pattern  
on yr back.

2. Sit, bare-assed,  
in the center of a Hamadan.  
Draw up yr knees  
fold yr arms over them  
& rest yr head in yr arms  
contemplating  
the head of yr cock  
which should just barely  
touch  
the center  
of a geometrically shaped  
purple flower.